

March 26, 2009

Mike Casey Mendocino National Forest 825 N. Humboldt Willows, CA 95988

RE: GCA - 08

Dear Mr. Casey:

Please accept this letter from the BlueRibbon Coalition, a national trail group, as indication of **support** for your 2008/09 Six Rivers NF Law Enforcement Grant.

BRC supports law enforcement grants that are part of a holistic vision for managed OHV recreation in the patrol area. BRC believes the applicant shares that vision for a balanced LE grant that incorporates enforcement of OHV laws with face-to-face rider education. BRC believes the LE grant is integrated into a managed OHV program that provides mostly dispersed family-type OHV recreational opportunities primarily on the Mad River Ranger District and more specifically on the Pilot Creek designated trail system. BRC also believes this grant correctly identifies and seeks to address illegal OHV use and route proliferation during hunting season. A problem which BRC believes is a serious issue on the District.

BRC believes the dollar amount of any LE grant should be commensurate with, or on scale to, what other agencies or districts are proposing with similar visitor use patterns and patrol areas. In this case, BRC believes the agency is trying to accomplish a huge task with the rather modest amount requested.

BRC thanks your office for allowing us to comment.

Sincerely,

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